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HPE petitions for lighting

By KEVAN SMITH
News Editor

Concern for the safety of students in the HPE parking lots at night resulted in a petition signed by 54 people and presented to Chancellor Grady Bogue on Jan. 19.

John O'Connor, president of the LSUS Health and Physical Education Club, wrote the petition suggesting that LSUS install lights in the parking lots. It specifically asks Bogue to consider "the liability involved when a young lady must leave the HPE building... and walk to her car... under total darkness."

O'Connor says he knows of several incidents happening in the HPE parking lots. In one of them, he said, a student's car was burglarized at night.

O'Connor, Michael McCullough, HPE Club vice president, and Manuel Vielma, HPE Club treasurer, met with Bogue Feb. 2 to discuss the petition.

According to O'Connor, Bogue said that LSUS has no extra funds to install lighting now, but that money might be received from an emergency fund in Baton Rouge.

According to feasibility study by Burt Farrar, director of the physical plant, installing street lights and overlaying the lots

with asphalt would cost \$200,000. He added that combining the projects would reduce the total labor cost.

In the meantime, Farrar said, mercury vapor lamps that LSUS already owns could be mounted on the HPE building for much less than installing free-standing lights, although they might not illuminate the parking lots.

O'Connor suggested alternative means of funding to Bogue, including an activity fee hike of two to three dollars. O'Connor said that the needed money could be raised within two semesters, and that leftover monies could be used for scholarship funds.

"Everybody agrees that it needs to be done," O'Connor said. "All we've got to do is come up with the funding. Right now, with the budget cuts, it's just bad timing."

O'Connor said that Bogue postponed a decision, and that he will receive an answer next week, pending a presentation by Fabia Thomas, vice chancellor of administration, to a Baton Rouge review board.

Larry Rambin, a member of the committee, says they haven't met since he received the petition, but that he sees a definite need for lights in the parking lots.

Black History Agenda set

In an attempt to educate the people of LSUS, the University has adopted "Vote and Be Heard: Politics and the Black Family" as its theme for Black History Month.

Campus activities will include a keynote speech by Dr. Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 11. Dr. Lowery recently led a delegation to the Mideast. While in the Mideast, he negotiated in peace talks with Palestinians and helped secure a cease-fire agreement in Lebanon from both PLO leader Yassir Arafat and Israel.

In addition to Dr. Lowery's speech, there will also be special showings of the film series, "Eyes on the Prize — America's Civil Rights Years." The six one-hour programs chronicle the era of the civil rights movement from 1954-1965. Next week's films include "Ain't Scared of Your Jails," 10:30 a.m. on Feb. 9 and "No Easy Walk," 10 a.m. and noon on Feb. 10.

The final scheduled event at LSUS will be a student debate on Feb. 23 at 10:30 in the UC. The topic of resolution is: "That all students regardless of race or sex have the same opportunities for success."



1988 Student Ambassadors

photo by Eric Banks

Student ambassadors chosen

MATT FRAZIER
Editorial Assistant

The 1988 LSUS Student Ambassadors have been chosen.

They are Lisa Ann Bosley, Kathrun DeFatta, Chuntel Marie Fuller, Rick Mears, Christine Ida Marie Merrill, Truc Lam Van Nguyen, Derrick Day Parker and Mike Stafford.

After being trained for the first half of the year, the ambassadors will try to promote both internal and external interest in the university.

Their duties include assisting with campus tours, freshman orientation, registration and career day and the "almost anything goes" games.

They will also attend a banquet for outstanding high school seniors, and contact potential LSUS students.

"They (high school students) are more receptive to college students than to the (college) administration," said Zenobia L. Hikes, assistant director of administration and student recruitment, and coordinator of the ambassadors.

Lisa Ann Bosley, a second term ambassador, graduated

from Haughton High School where she was a representative in the student council, editor of the newspaper, and president of the Beta Club.

Bosley, a sophomore, has a cumulative 3.5 grade point average. She has been elected president of the Phi Mu Sorority for 1988.

Kathrun DeFatta graduated from Parkway High School where she was a Girl's State Delegate and president of the National Honor Society.

DeFatta, also a sophomore, is majoring in English education with a minor in Public Speaking and has maintained a 3.9 grade point average. She is presently the vice-president of the Student Activities Board and is serving her second term as a student ambassador for the University.

Chuntel Marie Fuller is a graduate of Caddo Magnet High School where she received various academic recognitions as well as two inductions into Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Fuller is a sophomore majoring in Computer Science, with an intended minor in Management. She has been involved in such

organizations as the Student Activities Board, the Psychology Club, Colleagues, and the Data Processing Management Association.

Rick Mears graduated Captain Shreve High School where he was actively involved in Mu Alpha Theta, Olympics of the Mind, Foreign Language Club, Science Club, Computer Club, and was a PTA Distinguished Scholar.

Mears is now a second semester freshman majoring in Science. He has joined the Water Ski Team and is currently on the Baptist Student Union Freshman Council.

Christine Ida Marie Merrill graduated salutatorian from North Caddo High School.

Merrill, a Psychology major, is currently involved in the Student Activities Board, the Leadership Scholarship Program, and the Freshman Council.

Truc Lam Van Nguyen graduated from Southwood High School.

Nguyen is a sophomore accounting major who transferred from Louisiana Tech University. See Student ambassadors, page 4

editorial



McCrery posters: humor misused

"Good golly Miss Molly, I think I'll vote for Jim."

The preceding statement is the caption on one of the many crudely-crafted Jim McCrery advertisements for the approaching fourth congressional district race.

The party responsible for these imaginative posters remains anonymous.

Though all posters or bulletins are supposed to be cleared with either student affairs or student activities, neither of these offices has any record of approving the McCrery propaganda.

Not only do these posters violate campus rules, but they also lack the tact and professionalism that should accompany a congressional campaign. If the other nine candidates followed these McCrery supporters, there would be no integrity left in this campaign — nor would there be any wall space left in the buildings on campus!

Humor is not lost in this situation, and the posters are definitely entertaining. Granted, a celebrity's endorsement is one of the best marketing tools in the business, but please, leave the pope out of it. These self-appointed advertising managers *might* consider that McCrery is indeed serious about his candidacy and his campaign ethics.

Although name recognition plays a key role in a voter's decision making process, respect for the candidate also pulls a few strings. Yes, unbeknownst to the anonymous poster fiends, name recognition and respect can co-exist, and sometimes are even compatible.

After all, how respectful is a poster depicting Pope John Paul II claiming to give Jim McCrery his "blessing?"

Purpose lost with Black History Month

By PAMELA HAMILTON
Contributing Writer

From the beginning, the celebration of Negro History Week was conducted with zest and zeal. Indeed emphasis was placed more on knowledge than on celebration.

First, the questions of today may be do we really have the right to use the term celebration to describe Black History Month? Second, do we do ourselves justice when we seek to ignore history for meaningless activities? And finally, have we achieved a pinnacle in our history where a celebration may be justified.

Well, I think not. With all of the ignorance about the purpose

of Black History Month, the celebration of the celebrities, and the neglect of education, Black History Month seems to have become hollow and seemingly unimportant. During the recent years in which Shreveport has celebrated Black History Month, it seems that investment in activities has been the main problem.

Elementary and secondary school teachers are pressed to think of programs with substance. Also, clubs and organizations have difficulty finding qualified black or white leaders to participate in these activities. Perhaps this is because it takes too much time to dig into history and provide meaningful experiences for the public.

On our campus, the so-called

celebration of Black History Month consists of showing films on the civil rights movement, documentaries on Martin Luther King, Jr., and guest lecturer from King's era — Dr. Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

The point of discussion is not the activities, but the fact that the lecturer, the films and documentaries, and perhaps even Dr. King are almost unknown to the audience.

The only people who really have information on the lecturer, and what the films are about, are those who chose them.

Perhaps we have forgotten that the key purpose of Black History Month is to get a historical education.

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campus features

Brendler likes ham, eggs, Beethoven

By ERIC BANKS
Managing Editor

If Mike Brendler had his druthers, he'd eat ham and eggs; but nowadays, under the advice of his internist, he avoids the cholesterol-packed delight. Remorsefully, he admits that breakfast just isn't what it used to be. But vengeance is sweet and so is dessert — Brendler loves chocolate cake.

The Rhine winds and twists for 700 miles through Europe, to the North Sea. An occasional castle sits on the bank of the mythological river. The tour boat chugs up the river, and the guide directs the tourists' attention to Brendler's castle — the one he'd have if his 'one fun thing to own' dream became a reality. The tourists wave as Brendler, from atop his tower, raises a cup of java and smiles.

"I have found that at a certain point in running a distance, and I need to figure something out that requires intense meditation, that's when I can do it. — Brendler on running.

He runs every other day from four to seven miles. "I'm not talking about an extremely high rate of speed, mind you," says Brendler. He also enjoys racquetball, although his work

schedule limits how much he plays.

"I liked Eric Clapton before he blew his brain with heroin. He was an excellent musician technically." — Brendler on musicians.

He also likes Bruce Springsteen's latest solo effort, "Tunnel of Love." "He sings about things a man his age would definitely be experiencing," Brendler said. His vote for female vocalist is cast for Barbara Streisand, while Beethoven is his favorite classical composer.

"I don't think it was a perfect movie but I went to see it because of the notoriety — it affected me deeply..." — Brendler on the movie, Platoon.

He is also a big fan of Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall, but any movie starring Chevy Chase goes unseen by Brendler.

The race for the presidency continues and Brendler anguishes — he's unimpressed with the field. "When the first Tuesday in March rolls around (the Super Tuesday Primary), I honestly don't know what I'm going to do; I thought about switching party registration but then I saw what the other party was running and I couldn't find anything there," he said.

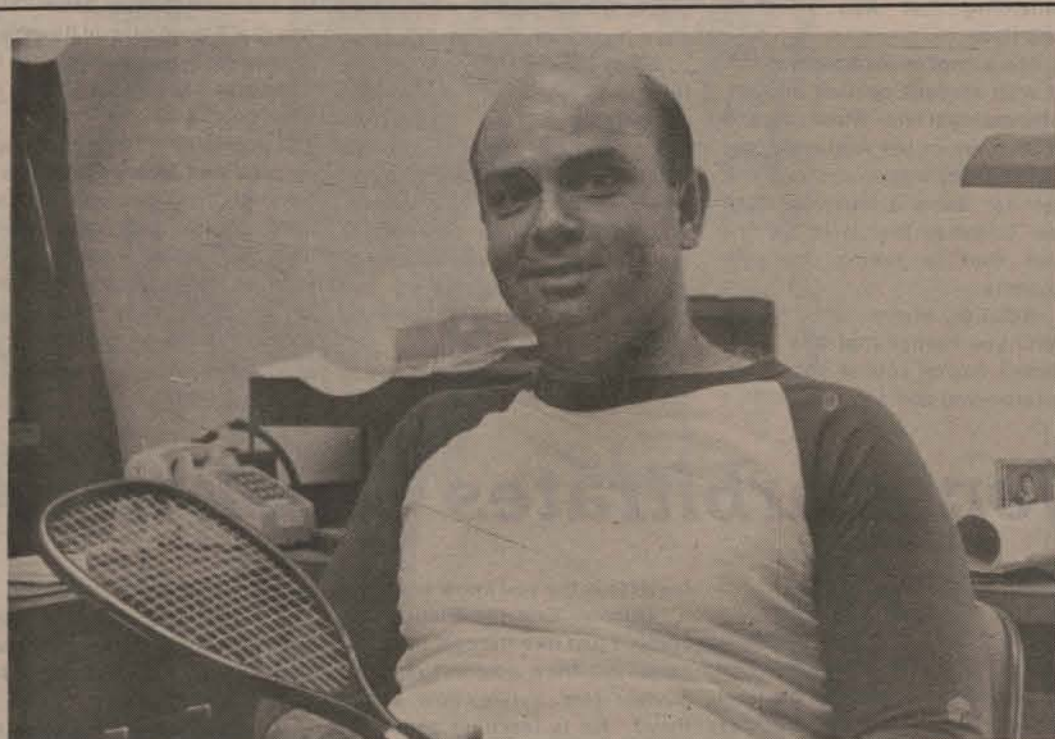
Brendler thinks Michael Dukakis

will represent the Democrats and either George Bush or Bob Dole, the Republicans. But he won't predict Reagan's successor.

Brendler was born in Gary, Ind., but grew up in Bartlesville,

Oklahoma. He received a bachelor's degree in economics from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. After serving two years in the Air Force, he returned to OSU and received a

master's degree in economics. He completed post-graduate work at Texas A & M, where he received his doctorate. He has been teaching economics classes at LSUS since 1977.



Economics professor Mike Brendler

photo by Eric Banks

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While at Tech, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Student Government Association and Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity. He also participated on the Debate Team, Karate Team and the Modeling Team.

Derrick Day Parker graduated from Woodlawn High School where he was voted class president in his sophomore,

junior and senior years. He was chosen for the Who's Who Among American High School Students twice, and served as vice president for both the National Honor Society and the student council.

He is currently a freshman majoring in business management, and is in the Freshman Leadership Program.

Mike Stafford is a graduate of

Bossier High School.

Stafford is a freshman Health Physical Education major and takes an active part in the intramural programs. He is also on the freshman council in the Baptist Student Union.

Hikes said that these students were chosen as ambassadors because they are vibrant, outgoing, and friendly.

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Camp Anytown

Applications for 1988 CAMP ANYTOWN, LOUISIANA are now being accepted. Application deadline is March 15.

ANYTOWN is a program which enables junior and senior high school students to develop respect for racial, religious and cultural differences through education for leadership, human relations and citizenship. ANYTOWN is sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, a non-profit educational agency.

CAMP ANYTOWN will be held at Caney Lake Conference Centre in Minden, Louisiana, Aug. 7-13, 1988. For more information contact Maxie Foster, HPE room 214, or Antoinette Arceneaux, 828 E. Kings Hwy., Shreveport, LA 71105 or 868-9698.

Book drive

The SGA will have a book drive from Feb. 8-12. They will accept any type of book—fiction, biography, children's, etc.

The books will be donated to Sister Margaret, then distributed to the local needy people.

The SGA will place a box in the UC lobby to hold the donated books.

BSU

The Baptist Student Union holds its Lunchcounter each

Wednesday at noon.

Every Tuesday at 12:40 p.m. the Campus Baptist Young Women meet. All women are welcome.

Bible studies are Thursdays at 10:25 a.m. and Fridays at noon on the second floor of the UC.

Tax reform

The new tax reform law is the subject of a two-hour PBS special to air Sunday at 2 p.m.

The tax special will be hosted by veteran newsman Edwin Newman.

IRS Commissioner Lawrence Gibbs and a panel of tax experts will review major tax changes. During the program, the IRS toll-free telephone lines will be open. That number is 1-800-424-1040.

This year, the IRS encourages people to "make taxes less taxing" by getting an early start. The PBS produced "Tax Break," airing in early February, which can help taxpayers learn about the new law early, to avoid a last-minute Apr. 15 rush.

Phi Kappa Phi Meeting

Phi Kappa Phi will meet on Feb. 16 at 10:30 a.m. in the UC's Red River Room to plan spring initiation. Students and faculty members of the fraternity are encouraged to attend.

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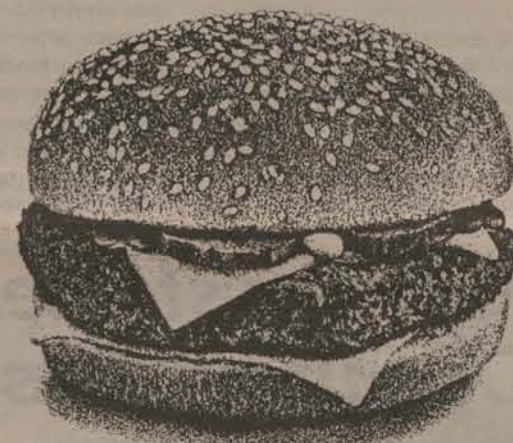
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campus news

Committee proposes salary increases

By JEFF ABNEY
Staff Writer

Salary increases for some members of LSUS faculty may become a reality sometime in the future after the faculty council

approved a tentative plan sponsored by its Policy and Personnel Committee last week.

The faculty did not actually

give approval for the pay raise, but instead, simply gave the go ahead for a more in-depth study to be completed.

The recommendations submitted by the committee come after 12 meetings, including one with Chancellor Grady Bogue.

The committee's goal, raising LSUS' faculty salaries to be in line with the national average,

will be carried out in this way: raises will be granted to LSUS's tenured faculty members based on their total number of years at LSUS multiplied by \$150. This formula will be applied to all tenured faculty and those with seven years or more service at LSUS as of August 1988. However, this formula excludes certain members of the faculty such as those with 12-month ap-

pointments.

Dr. Nancy Wilhelmi, chair of the Policy and Personnel Committee, emphasized that the raise is not a total solution to the lack of merit pay, but only a partial solution at best. She said, "The committee was not attempting to solve all problems of salary on the campus, but at least it's a start. We decided we would go for what we could get."

Wilhelmi admits that the problems will begin, rather than end, if the program is implemented. "A whole lot of problems are going to occur when we find out how much or how little we have in the fall," said Wilhelmi.

Future money available at LSUS is the crux of the problem. Complete invocation of the formula suggested by the committee will require \$239,850. If the money is not available for this implementation, then the committee recommends that the raise be introduced at the first possible time the money is available. Further, the committee feels that if partial monies are available, then the raise should be partially introduced with the assurance that it would be in full use once

the money is available.

If this plan is enacted as outlined, the committee feels that it would be a strong first step in bringing LSUS faculty salaries up to the national standard.

Future uncertainty of campus funding is also a factor in the final decision on the fate of the Policy and Personnel Committee's plan. Because enrollment was up last fall, extra money for the university was generated.

The enrollment figures remained at a 9 percent increase rate through this spring, but Chancellor Bogue cautions against being overly optimistic. "Last year our budget was cut by nearly one million dollars. Although Roemer has said he won't cut education...we have to be very careful going into next year."

Some faculty members believe they have a legitimate reason to propose salary increases. However, with the uncertain future of education funds and enrollment, Dr. Wilhelmi said "It's ironic that I'm standing up here on the same day that the chancellor announces we have no money."

New lab: Computers set the trend

By KATHY KY SAR
Staff Writer

The new Zenith personal computer lab in BH 346 opened this week with nine separate personal and business-related computer classes. The lab contains 26 Zenith 159 model computers with 640K, color monitors and

printers.

Dr. Dalton Cloud, professor and chairman of the communications department, said, "the lab is very functionally laid out."

Dr. Vincent Marsala, dean and professor of continuing education and special programs, said that the lab will be used at night and on weekends for special

non-credit programs. "It will also be used in the summer by elementary and secondary education students," he said.

"In the past," Cloud said, "all communications courses only had the use of a mechanical typewriting lab."

The lab is an effort to update the Department of Liberal Arts.

Pinkley strikes back: Occult proves dangerous

By KATHY KY SAR
Staff Writer

Former occult practitioner Randy Pinkley, spoke in the University Center, Wednesday, on how to block the occult and psychic powers, as part of his, "Ram's Horn" lecture series.

Pinkley, now a maitre d' the Cambridge Club, and part time minister, became involved in the occult in 1970 while attending the University of Arkansas. "I began to have problems with

college algebra — I was given a book on hypnosis as a way to study for a test," he said. His experience with hypnosis led him to experiment with transcendental meditation, which Pinkley says is the overt worship of Hindu gods.

Pinkley said he then delved into the demonic realm through the martial arts forms, Kung Fu and Tai Chi, which is a type of religious meditation. He said his use of Motivational Success Training, meaning modern hyp-

nosis and subliminal messages, was his final brush with the occult. "I wasted a lot of years. If you get involved in the occult, your life goes blasting by you — you miss it," he said. "Everything that I've experienced in the occult was healed and corrected when I began to have a relationship with Jesus Christ," he added.

Pinkley hopes to continue his ministry against the occult through such seminars.

SGA selects Medicus

The SGA has selected as its senator for the week Audrey Medicus.

Medicus is a sophomore history major. She was elected as a senator-at-large last fall. As chairman of the public relations committee, she said her responsibility is "to let the student body know what's going on; what options they have open."

She hopes to attend law school in Spokane, Washington after completing her undergraduate degree. Because she is married

and has two teen-age children, she represents more of the non-traditional student.

Of her feelings on LSUS, she said, "a bigger percentage of the student body needs to be involved." She believes that though each student has the opportunity to vote in campus elections and decisions, too few people actually turn out and vote.

Medicus added, "This is their (the student body's) college, too; it's not just ours (SGA's)."



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6 p.m.	Mansfield 5 vs. Just Us			
7 p.m.	Kappa Sig Fishhead vs. Ex Celsia		Bruthas vs. Kappa Sig Fishhead	Knee Walkers vs. Bruthas
8 p.m.	Byrdmen vs. Kappa Sig Psychos	Kappa Sig Psychos vs. Phi Delta Theta	Sleeze Patrol vs. Mansfield 5	Cobra vs. ATS

Williams gets player credit

By RODNEY MALLETT
Sports Editor

I am sick of people telling me that Doug Williams is black. I established that fact for myself when I first saw him.

The media has run that fact in to the ground. They blew it out of proportion before the game even started. This point is not that important to me.

The most important thing about Doug Williams is that I won five bucks because he threw for over 200 yards. I won ten more, as did other smart bettors, because he guided the Redskins to a romp.

Williams has shown a lot of class throughout his career. He was highly recruited out of high school, but was not sure which college to attend until Eddie Robinson, the coach at Grambling, called and asked him to play.

Williams set records for yardage and touchdowns in his four years at Grambling. He was drafted in the first round by Tampa Bay — the joke of the NFL. Two wins in two years. Williams went without hesitation. Many players would balk if they were drafted by such a team. John Elway dumped Baltimore as did Cornelius Bennet, but Williams has much more class.

He took Tampa to the playoffs twice, once to the championship game. He was one of the few players who were justified in their gripes about being underpaid. Despite the numbers, the victories and the increase in Tampa's fan support, he was ranked 46th on the quarterback pay list, making only \$125,000 a year. Tampa dropped Williams and returned to joke status. Williams then went to the USFL.

No one in the NFL seemed interested in Williams until the Redskins called him to be a backup. Williams proved that the Redskins got a bargain.

Other teams that had a chance at Williams and missed should feel foolish. Teams like Pittsburgh, who almost made the playoffs despite having the lowest rated quarterback in the NFL, Atlanta, Green Bay and Detroit would have had a franchise quarterback to build a team around had they signed Williams. If you think I'm BS'ing, then ask Tampa Bay when they last reached the playoffs.

The most important thing about Williams is his dedication, strong arm, and will to win. It doesn't matter if he is black. He is just a damn good player and he let everyone else know this in the Super Bowl.

Rensink spices up campus life

By RODNEY MALLETT
Sports Editor

The new assistant director of student affairs is Kurt Rensink.

Rensink has dabbled in many different things: teaching in Wisconsin, handling human resources for a restaurant company and some family planning. These all go along with his desire to scuba dive.

He took the student affairs job because it seemed like fun.

That is what Rensink bases his intramural policy on — having fun. "We are going to do more of the less competitive things that are fun," Rensink said. He wants to do more "weekend stuff, like bike trips, camping and canoeing."

Although he wants to do things of the fun sort, he does not intend to drop any of the competitive intramural sports. "Competition keeps some peo-

ple interested," he said. He added 2-on-2 basketball back to the schedule. Displaying the optimism that an IM director needs, he said, "If there is a good turnout, great; if not, then that's okay, too."

Rensink is reinstating the IM council. This council allows students and officials to make policies together, such as decisions on protests. In addition, team captain meetings will be held in the captain's room during the break on Tuesdays.

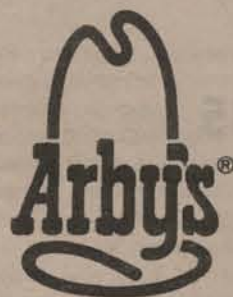
"We need cooperation from teams and captains to make it fun," Rensink said. "The refs are students and have no level of expertise. We have to live with that and do the best we can do." He added that he thought the referees were qualified and well-supervised.

Rensink has an "open-door" policy for suggestions and would like students to stop by UC 230 with ideas.

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